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HIGH-TECH MONITORING AGENCY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up high-tech monitoring agency in the country;

(b) the aims and objectives for the setting up of the agency;

(c) the names of organizations that has been appointed as the nodal agency in this regard; and

(d) the amount allocated by the Planning Commission for its implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to set up a Centre for Communication Security Research and Monitoring.

(b) The main objective for setting up the above Centre is to provide mandatory access to Law enforcement agencies for intercepting, monitoring and analysis of the activities of the criminal elements and their social networking both proactively, online and through post-analysis of information.

(c) Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT), an autonomous body of the Government of India has been appointed as the nodal agency for implementation of the project.

(d) A budget provision of Rs. 50 crores has been provided during 2007-2008 for setting up the above Centre.